News-Pages of the GSWC

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GSWC Meetings are usually held at 1:30 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of the month, September to May (unless a holiday interferes). Currently we are meeting via Zoom for the health and safety of our members. We are asking everyone to register ahead of time to assist with tracking attendance. **Check our website for information about registering or changes in venue: https://www.washtenawgenealogy.org. or our Facebook page located at: https://www.facebook.com/genealogywashtenaw.**

Upcoming Meetings:
We will kick off our 2021–22 program year in September. In the meantime, you can click below to access the entire schedule at https://washtenawgenealogy.org/upload/files/GSWC20-21grid.pdf.

Sunday, September 26, 2021: "Beyond Dry Facts: Telling Your Ancestor's Stories" by Laura Hedgecock.
Class: "Land Patents Records & Bureau of Land Management Website" by Annette Baker.
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Report on Recent Meetings:
May 23, 2021: "Successful Collateral and Cluster Searching" by Thomas MacEntee.

Mr. MacEntee recommended a two-pronged indirect approach when faced with a "brick wall" utilizing collateral and cluster searching.

Collateral search means looking at people who married into your family, or distant cousins. Cluster searching involves researching friends, associates and neighbors (the F.A,N. approach). People tended to travel together and move to a place where they knew someone. He suggested using newspapers, city directories, census, church and military records, among others.

Specific tools he discussed are research logs, timelines, mapping, formulating theories, and thinking outside of the box. His handout is available on the washtenawgenealogy.org website under the green button "Public Handouts" then "Program and Class Handouts", May 2021.

Class: "There are no Dumb Questions in Genealogy" was led by a panel of researchers.

There is a handout available on our website under the "Members" button once you sign in. Go to "Members Only Downloads", then "Class Handouts" and May 2021. The handout includes umlaut, documentation, Native American, and DAR membership outlines.

Marcia McCrary discussed how to add an umlaut on a German name to a word document. For an upper case "A", you would hold down the "alt" key and type 0196 using the number pad. "E"=alt 0203; "I"=alt 0207; "O"=alt 0214; "U"=alt 0220; and "Y"=0159. For lower case: "a"=0228; "e"=0235; "I"=0239; "o"=0246'; "u"=0252; and 'y"=0255, each with the "alt" key.

Tim Salatin shared information about "What is the Minimum Documentation for a Genealogical Fact?" He said there is a simple and a complex answer to this question. In general, primary sources are better, but you may need secondary sources to point you to the best answer. A reasonably exhaustive search is one which checks all sources and has at least two independent sources. It would include complete and accurate citations and resolve any conflicts discovered.

Marty Carr presented some ideas on starting Native American research. The National Archives has materials on this topic from 1774 to the mid-1990s. Try the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and familysearch.org.

Rebecca Carver discussed how to apply for DAR membership. She included information from the DAR website, https://www.dar.org/ and the acceptable types of proof, as well as helpful hints.

Rob Steward discussed photographing tombstones, including how to add photographs to a Find A Grave entry.

Both write-ups by Marcia McCrary

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GSWC Items:
Officers Elected at the May 23 Annual Meeting:

Second Vice-President: Rodger Wolf
Treasurer: Bette Warren
Recording Secretary: Sheila Most
Two Directors at Large:
Sharon Brevoort
Omer Jean Winborn
Nominating Committee for next year: Linda Williams, Marcia McCrary, Tim Salatin.

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Notes from the Board:
The next **GSWC Board Meeting** is Tuesday, July 13, 2021 from 2 to 4 p.m., via Zoom. For more information on the agenda and how to attend, send an email to Nancy Howard: president@washtenawgenealogy.org.

From President Nancy Howard:
Highlights of the GSWC 2020–2021 year were given at the May 23 Annual Meeting. A more comprehensive report, reflecting the full fiscal year, will be available by September 25.

Janet Tarolli was appointed by the board as first vice president and chair of the Program and Education Committee on April 7. Many thanks to Rodger Wolf, who served as de-facto chair since July 2020.

Mary Henderson is on-boarding Bette Warren as our new treasurer, who begins her duties July 1. Mary's very capable service in this role have been much appreciated!

Volunteers Sought:
There are many ways that you can give back to GSWC. You can help in small ways, larger commitments or with ad hoc projects. Here are some critical needs we have now:

1. **Librarian** – Our collection is at the LDS Family History Center which is currently closed. When it re-opens, we need someone (or several) to take this on.
2. **News-Pages Editor** – Need someone to take charge of collecting information for the News-Pages.
3. **Capers Editorial Team** – Looking for help locating potential material and with publishing.
4. **Ancestor Chart Coordinator**
5. **Technical Support** – Looking for someone familiar with equipment and software that will allow us to deliver our membership meetings in person and make them accessible online.

Interested? Contact Nancy Howard using her email: president@washtenawgenealogy.org

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The **DNA Special Interest Group** will meet in September, deciding between in person or Zoom. Contact Rodger Wolf, rawolf@umich.edu.

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The **German Special Interest Group** will meet in September, specific date and time to be determined. Contact GermanSIG@comcast.net, Mike Gerding, for more information.

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Opportunities:

July 9–10, 2021 (Online) MGC/Archives of Michigan **Barbara J. Brown Family History Seminar** with featured speaker: Judy G. Russell. See www.mimgc.org to register, and for more information.

The Library of Michigan is holding a **Family History Virtual Series** which is underway. These online sessions offer training and "study halls" to increase research skills. Check the link below for more information about the virtual series: www.michigan.gov/libraryofmichigan/.

***Black Life in America*,** Michigan Notable Books 2021 list and more are accessible with your Library of Michigan card. To obtain a card: www.michigan.gov/librarycard

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